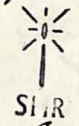


From Rochester N.Y. to

Tuesday Morning Sept 27th 1843.

Dear Mother

New York -



Dear A.

I am obliged to begin my letter to you today. I wish it this evening - as we start for Cuba tomorrow morning, & there would be no time to send it down; I shall be glad when we have the steamer to sail from our ^{own} port then your dates need not be so old; talking of that my last note I must say it ^{is} from you, was dated Jan 7th you intended it to have come by the Havre packet, but it was sent by the Calcutta, it certainly is a sad account you give of Mr. Irving. I confess I tremble for the result; it seems as if there was some secret agent at work, about the brand too painful it will be for you to leave him, I trust if he should not get better that he will resign & come home when you do, of what use is it when his health is so bad, not to have all the comfort he can have among his own kin, now that you have appointed the time to return it seems to bring you nearer to us. I was so happy at first that you might have been with us in the month of July, but that cannot be; do not I beg of you cut me with to England that. By any impatience which is no pretence when you get so near home; remember how long we is apt to regret it. Mary, Aunt & Robert were at the house last night, they gave you your friend Lucia ^{and} very sincerely, Aunt ever so enthusiastic, Mr. & Mrs. DeWorth were of the party & do you remember whether she has come on the tapis since you left or not. She is certainly a very fine looking woman & they say very intelligent.

I confess her size overpowers me completely. I seem to dwindle
into a unit - All the glory is at an end; the winter seems to
be breaking up gradually - the river from our place down
if in full flow to the pierment boats look stoppage at Loukes
& Jobb's Ferry - Ben. has not yet been heard from, & Fanny's
children are getting over the scarlet fever nicely - The weather
has been very mild throughout this month. ^{Today} we are having
a soft rain - which much George's honor will tend to
break up the North river. The Boats to Bridgeport are
doing well I believe, & if the river only continued closed, these
next few weeks will be their harvest. - The party things
have arrived that John Bryant sent. They are nice & beau-
tiful, & in excellent taste, he writes to Mary Ann that he
intends sailing in the first of April for home. he has had
a rough of Europe for this time at least; I am sorry you have
not met; for he is certainly a pleasant companion. Mary Ann
is waiting on soon to pay Aunt a visit - & your much talked
of visit to Boston has ended in smoke. however one cannot
help getting sick & with some people staying so; though now
I am almost well again. Oh! how often I have wished
for wings since you remain in Madrid, that I might
look in upon you. but especially since I have been
sick for though not sick enough for the bed; feeling too
much to interest myself in what was going on around me
that change of place & scene appeared to me too desirable &
I fancy myself very often going about from place to
place, with you as my protector. now I never expect the time
to go seriously to Ma or Pa. for I know how inconvenient it would
be in every kind of view for him. but if ^{it} would go well, when
you get back. you must prepare in the summer months
when the courts are closed, to visit me about - in a small

scale - I must stop to dress. ad Mary Ann Kanssalar, ad
Fleming let her to spend the day with us. so goodbye -
Nov 28th dear Alice - The Rev. L. Fleming has just had the
honor of landing your two sisters & George from down on the
Dobbs Ferry dock; we found Pa with Coupe's four waiting
for us, G. L. who went on over to Farmington, waved a
good bye, now parted, Mother looks very well and is well
& like his sweet self perfectly cheerful & contented, Pa
has rather elected to play the hermit this winter, but inclusion
is not beneficial to either his health or spirits, he gets weary
for the want of some active excitement of mind, writes
quantities of letters - but he probably would not admit a
word of all this - he goes down to his club dinner on
Friday, and I wish that he could afford to join Tom in
England, in the spring. The thoughts Aunt & what
I mean are all that is kind, & notwithstanding our long
troublesome visit, urged us repeatedly to stay, & to return
as soon as we wish to, Geesey appears much better - & I think
she wanted to come home for a little while, the Dr. steps
- later that she should return in a fortnight. which I
dare say she will be ready to do, as the post coming out
leaves the ground so soft that we will scarcely be able
to leave the piazza. There is something very refreshing
in the vast expanse of water & sky around us on this
hill, but the earth looks dreary, with this North west
wind over its bare brown surface. Fanny & children
are getting over the scarlet fever, which is a great thing to
be thankful for with their delicate constitutions, George
is now looking round for a place here, in order to move
his residence & do lawyer's business in Tarry Town. it
maybe one of his plans which he will not carry out. There
is a nice little relation of ours in town this winter, who
I am sure you would like, Elizabeth Church staying
at Sophia's. She is ugly & thickset, but sensible & bright

disposed to make much of her relations & altogether a
 pleasing sweet little person - O'Sullivan, your Ad. friend
 has moved with his mother & sister to New York, they have
 taken a house in the University, in the same ^{street} ~~house~~ with
 Julia Briggs; his sister has lost her husband, who I
 should think must have left some property. She is a
 pretty little woman, & says she is often mistaken for
 Fanny, & that she has a little girl like me.

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Enclosed
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See of March 22nd

From Motley & Angel
 July 27th 28

[BPH]

There is another great rush for uptown property, all the cor-
 =ner lots on the 5th Avenue are bought up, & Mr. Brown
 they say is well pleased, all the merchants are going up
 Mutton at the head, Julia & Livingston had their
 as they thought secure, on the corner of 5th Ave & 13th Street,
 when they find trouble about the title, the Trust-Comp.
 have it to settle & the result is fit to be unknown.
 They had a nice plan to build one hundred feet